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SUBJECT: GENERAL COMMITTEE: SCHEDULING OF SOVIET TEST BAN
ITEM ON AGENDA

REF: USUN 4229 AND 4269

1. SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO'S LETTER OF SEPTEMBER
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11 TO UNSYG REQUESTED INCLUSION ON AGENDA OF 30TH UNGA
OF ITEM ENTITLED "CONCLUSION OF A TREATY ON THE COMPLETE
AND GENERAL PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS".

2. IN GENERAL USG BELIEVES THAT SOVIET DRAFT TREATY DOES NOT MAKE ANY SIGNIFICANT NEW CONTRIBUTION TO RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES CONCERNING COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN. MOREOVER, THERE SEEMS TO BE NO PARTICULAR REASON WHY A NEW AGENDA TOPIC SHOULD BE ADOPTED WHEN AN EXISTING TOPIC COVERS THE IDENTICAL SET OF ISSUES. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT SOVIET ITEM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED UNDER AGENDA ITEM 38, "URGENT NEED FOR CESSATION OF NUCLEAR AND THERMONUCLEAR TESTS ETC." IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, USG WOULD PREFER TO SEE SOVIET ITEM LISTED AS ONE OF SUB-HEADINGS UNDER ITEM 38, MUCH AS KOREA ITEM LAST YEAR HAD TWO SEPARATE SUB-ITEMS TO TAKE CARE OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION, RATHER THAN AS SEPARATE ITEM.

3. MISSION SHOULD CONSULT WITH FRIENDLY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE AND JOIN IN SUPPORT FOR EITHER OF FOREGOING POSITIONS. IN GENERAL COMMITTEE ACTION USDEL SHOULD SUPPORT ANY PROPOSAL ALONG THESE LINES, BUT SHOULD NOT TAKE INITIATIVE OR MAKE PROPOSAL ITSELF. ALTHOUGH WE SEE NO VALID REASON TO ACCORD SOVIET PROPOSAL PRESTIGE OF BEING LISTED AS SEPARATE ITEM, WE BELIEVE MISSION SHOULD LIMIT ITS EFFORTS TO ARGUING MERITS OF CASE WITHOUT EXPENDITURE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL CAPITAL. SISCO

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